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Statement by the Director of Central Intelligence
The Honorable George J. Tenet

Questions have arisen regarding the Intelligence Community's assessment of the current Iranian role in support of terrorism. As I testified before Congress in January, a struggle is going on within Iran between hardline conservatives and moderate elements represented by President Khatami.

We have noted statements by Khatami condemning certain terrorist acts. But, as I said in my testimony, what we haven't seen is any diminution of Iran's support to terrorist groups and activities worldwide. Words are meaningless without action behind them.

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